



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

January 2011 Newsletter

Cookies for Our College Students

On Sunday, January 30, CCC will package cookies to send to all our college kids reminding them that their church family loves and misses them while they are away. Families are asked to bring three dozen home-baked cookies to church. The Christian Education committee will organize the packing and mailing. If you have a college student in your family, please contact the church office with his/her address.



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ALIVE!
5TH THROUGH 8TH GRADERS



Alive! Supports Souper Bowl

There will be a special collection on Sunday, January 30th & Sunday, February 6th to benefit the Community Social Services' Soup Kitchen and the Vernon Township Food Pantry as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national event that raises funds to help local charities in communities across the country. Non-perishable food items will be collected not only during these two Sundays, but throughout the year. Just bring your food items to church and place them in the basket in the Narthex or in the church office. CCC youth will be collecting your generous monetary donations in soup pots on January 30th and February 6th. Checks should be made out to CCC but designate Souper Bowl on the memo line. Help those in need, and enjoy the football game!



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**
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SAVE THESE DATES

April 9, 2011
Birthday Dinner

October 1, 2011
CCC Garage Sale

Nelson's Notes

And Now...Tomorrow!

A New Year...New Opportunities...New Challenges...New Direction

January 1st is not just another day. It is a new day...a starting point for letting go of ruts and unhealthy directions. It is wisdom that understands the truth that someday there will be no more of you, at least on this earthly vale. We are given just so much time to walk the earth. Time, indeed, is life. Time is all we have. Walking in directions that matter is what we are to be about. Life is not to be wasted.

So, what do you want to be the rest of your life? One man prayed, "Lord, help me be the person I pretend to be, not who I really am." What do you want to do the rest of your life. What do you see as your primary purpose?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran minister martyred in Nazi Germany, answered the question this way... "I should like to learn to have faith. By this...I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world- watching with Christ in Gethsemane."

For some of us last year may have been wonderful, for others possibly the worst. No one knows what the New Year will bring, but a good bet is that change and the unexpected will interrupt our plans.

Some of us are going to quit something, others will start something. Some of us are going to lose something; others are going to find something. Whatever awaits us, God has made us for faith. It is the fuel of our souls- it never fails...and it is the fuel of our church.

Community Christian Church is at the frontier of new, promising beginnings. A new senior minister will be joining us, and our church will continue to grow as that place with an open door...to welcome all persons in the love of Christ in forgiveness, renewal and shared ministry.

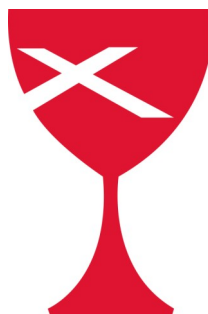
Consider this calling: "I will do more than belong, I will participate...I will do more than care, I will help...I will do more than believe, I will practice...I will do more than be fair, I will be kind...I will do more than forgive, I will love...I will do more than earn, I will enrich...I will do more than lecture, I will serve...I will do more than live, I will grow...I will do more than befriend, I will be a friend... Think and pray on these things and then so mold your life.

This New Year, I wish you wealth, poverty, pain, health, success, failure or whatever combination of blessings you need to find your way to the depth and substance of your God-given life, and finally, the peace that passes all understanding through Christ our Lord.

~ Nelson

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any time you feel it's necessary.

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Upcoming Sermons from Nelson Irving



January 2: "The Work of Christmas Begins...Making All Things New" Colossians 3:12-17

Christmas has happened. The world's calendar has turned to a new year. There's no going back, only forward. But Christmas is always on the way, reminding us to receive the gift of love in Christ that makes us know that we are the beloved, and from that place, to go about bringing that love to others. For unleashing the full potential of the gift of Christmas - the potential for good, for joy, for peace, for healing, for reconciliation, and for transformation.

January 9: "Listen" 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Through the Psalmist, the Almighty gives us directions on how to receive the most blessed and fundamental gift: "Be still, and know that I am God." We don't talk our way to faith; rather we are endowed with that pearl of great price by listening.

The greatest gift we can give to another person is our whole presence, to pay attention and listen, with full attention, without interruption.

January 16: "Perfection" Romans 12:1-3

Jesus said, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) These are hard words. How commonly we hear that "nobody's perfect." What does this mean?

January 23: "The Most Important Words Ever Spoken" Mark 8:31-38

"Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

That may be the most radical, most important thing Jesus ever said. It just may be the most important thing anybody ever said.

Love measures our stature; the more we love the bigger we are. There is no smaller package in the world that that of an individual all wrapped up in himself/herself." (William Sloane Coffin)

January 30: "Encouragement" Philippians 4:8-13

Every person needs encouragement. Whatever our age or circumstance, we all need the lift that comes from someone who cares. Most of all, we need God's loving support. David heard God's promise when he sang: "If I take the wings of morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:9)

New Year's Resolutions You Can ACTUALLY Keep



- Gain weight. At least 30 pounds.
- Stop exercising. Waste of time.
- Get in a whole NEW rut!
- Start being superstitious.
- Create loose ends.
- Procrastinate more. Starting tomorrow.
- Read less. Makes you think.
- Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.

- Get more toys.
- Get further in debt.
- Don't believe politicians.
- Break at least one traffic law.
- Don't drive a motorized vehicle across thin ice.
- Don't swim with piranhas or sharks.
- Wait for opportunity to knock.
- Never make New Year's resolutions again.



Upcoming Events

- 1/5 Choir Resumes, 7pm
- 1/8 Men's Breakfast, 8am in Thompson Hall
- 1/8 Women's Coffee Break, 8am at Einstein's
- 1/9 Ministries Council Meeting, 11:10am
- 1/12 Soup Kitchen, 4-7:30pm
- 1/30 Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth Activities are listed on page 5

Ongoing Events

- Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
- Café 920 - Sundays, 9:20am
- Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am-1pm
- Prayer Group - Tuesdays, 9am
- Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
- Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
- Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
- Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am



The next monthly CCC men's breakfast meeting will be Saturday, January 6, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. We will be discussing the book Who You Are When No One's Looking by Bill Hybels. For the discussion, please read Chapter 4. As always, all are welcome even if you don't get a chance to do the reading assignment -- come for the company!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

This month, both the men's and women's coffee will be held on the same day at the same time - January 8th at 8am. If there are any women who attend who have small children and husbands going to the men's breakfast, the children are welcome to come and join the women at Einstein Brothers! Hope to see you there!



CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:

"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."

ALIVE!

5th THROUGH 8th GRADERS

REVIVE!

9th through 12th Graders



Do YOU Want to be Heard?

On January 9, there will be a very important meeting where the CCC Youth Group can and will be changed by **YOU** - the **YOUth** of Community Christian Church! This is a great opportunity for **YOU** to take ownership of this program and make it what **YOU** want it to be; change what **YOU'd** like; add activities the adults have never heard of! **YOU** can also plan for some favorite activities, like a Mission Trip, a Lock-in, some Outings, a Retreat, Feed My Starving Children, more service projects, maybe even some Bible time! PLEASE MAKE SURE **YOU** ARE THERE AND BRING **YOUR** IDEAS!

Attention Alive Members!



Souper Bowl of Caring is coming up on Jan 30 & Feb 6. Do you want to be a part of it? Play a part in a skit? Speak to the congregation? Hold a soup pot? Deliver food to the food bank? These are so many ways you can help this year. Please contact Judy Mankus.

Bread & Broth:

Come and eat soup & bread & play games.

Winter Warm-up:

A time to check in with the YLT and to form the CCC Youth Group. We want you to be heard! Let's plan a Mission Trip, a Lock-in, some Outings, a Retreat, Feed My Starving Children, more service projects, maybe some Bible time!

Art Project:

Want to make stuff to hang on the Youth Room walls? Don't miss it - a two week SPECIAL PROJECT

January Schedule

All events from 11:30am-12:30pm

1/2	Youth Room	Both	Bread & Broth
1/9	Youth Room	Revive	Winter Warm-Up
1/9	Attic	Alive	Winter Warm-Up
1/16	Youth Room	Both	Service Project or Sledding
1/23	Youth Room	Both	Art Project
1/30	Youth Room	Both	Art Project

Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2010-2011

Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.

January – Healing Miracles

February – Garden of Gethsemane

March – Doubting Thomas

April – Pentecost

May – Jonah



CCC Christmas Pageant 2010



Thank you, Sue & Tom for all you did to make the pageant so enjoyable!



BIBLE BELT



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Sunday Coffee Fellowship

One of the great traditions at Community Christian Church is gathering for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall after worship. The time, space, and treats provide a friendly and casual environment for the congregation and visitors to meet, catch up, or get to know each other better. Please make time for this valuable tradition and be an active participant.

If you are interested in providing treats for Coffee Fellowship, the signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Friendship Hall. We ask that you bring treats for approximately 80 to 100 people. The treats could be bagels, cookies, brownies, cup cakes, coffee cakes, and/or fruits and vegetables. The table cloth, drinks, cups, plates, and napkins are provided by the church. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give the church office a call.



Coffee Fellowship

What Should I Give to the Auction?

Part One

Now that you all have marked your calendar for April 9th, it's time to ask yourself, "What should I give to the auction?"

If you have a talent, and the time, start there. For example, Perry Grace and Jim DeWald are handy guys and they have agreed to offer 16 handy-man hours to the highest bidder. Just think of the value of their skills. If you could hire a handy man at \$40 per hour, 16 hours would come to \$640. If you need work done in your home, purchasing their skills would benefit the church in a very significant way, and you can count on quality work. It's a definite win-win!

More ideas to come; meanwhile, if you have questions, call the church office.

Rotary Gift Checkbooks

\$5 from each book sold will go to the Myanmar Missionary Fund

If ordering online, be sure to write "Myanmar" in the special instructions area

The Rotary Club of Lincolnshire in partnership with the District 103 Learning Fund Foundation will once again be offering the Lincolnshire Rotary Scholarships. Two scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to graduating seniors who: graduated from Daniel Wright Junior High School, demonstrate extraordinary service to the community, and uphold the ideals of Rotary. To support this effort, a Gift-Checkbook is now available for sale in the community containing up to 29 Gift-checks from local merchants worth over \$500.00 . . . **FOR JUST \$30.00!!!**. There is no minimum purchase required and each Gift Check can be used toward a purchase the same as cash. These will be available for purchase in Friendship Hall today or online at:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrG/DxProgramHome/programhome.aspx?cid=2390&pid=41038>



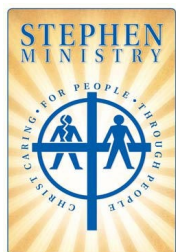
2011 CCC Directory Updates

The final touches are being made to the new 2011 CCC directory. A draft of the directory will be available in the Narthex and on the Early Service cart within the next two few weeks. If you have any changes you'd like to make, please write them in on the draft or contact the church office immediately. If you need a photo taken, contact the church office.

2011 Directory



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What's Your New Year's Resolution?

Turning the page to a new month and a new year is an opportunity to get a fresh start. Lose weight, exercise more, eat healthy food and stay away from snacks. We might also consider improving relationships and becoming a "better" person.

But just how often do we think of making our relationship with our Lord closer and more meaningful? During the busyness of the Christmas season it's easy to get caught up in endless responsibilities. Way too often we actually find that the real "reason for the season" has been over-looked.

If you find that the pressures of life have stolen the joy of your faith, it may be time to meet with a Stephen Minister. Let's make 2011 the year we exercise both our bodies and our faith!

Save Your Coffee Tins & Packing Peanuts

Over 30 coffee cans will be needed for Cookie Sunday on January 31. Also needed are plenty of packing peanuts. We will be sending cookies to



college students as part of CCC's birthday celebration. Please bring your cans and peanuts and place them in the kitchen. Thank you for your help!

Learn More About the

CCC Elders

The holidays have been a busy time for all of us. Rest assured, your shepherding elder has been praying for you and your family. Would you like them to pray for something specific in your life? Your shepherding elder welcomes you to contact them with anything you'd like to share - joy or concern!

Christmas Cards for Heroes

We brightened the holidays for 64 service personnel with the cards we sent to Holiday Mail for Heroes. Thank you to each of you who wrote a card. Special thanks goes to our Sunday school children, Vicki Martin's Brownie troop, Kim Dollinger, who took cards to work, Ann, Kay, Kendra and others who brought cards for us to use.



The Red Cross thanks you and the brave service people thank you.

CCC *STILL* Needs a Recycling Buddy!

We could sure use your help to recycle the materials that are stored in the back closet in the Friendship Hall kitchen. If you would like to take on this cause, please help yourself or [contact the church office](#) for more information.



Happy Birthday!

Kristin	1
Erin	3
Kyle	3
Anna	5
Rick	6
Jean	7
Susan	9
Bailey	11
Dawn	13
Brian	15
Lucia	17
Tommy	21
Madeleine	22
Ping	22
Mary	23
Ellery	24
Jeff	25
Jan	25
Pat	25
Ashley	26
Amy	30
George	30
Chris	31



Happy Anniversary!

Nelson and Ann	8
Barry and Margaret	22

Thank You!!

For erecting the outdoor nativity scene on December 4th,

Jim	Steve	David
Charlie	Kevin	Jim
Perry	Chuck	Xiaomao
Nelson	Charlie	

For uprighting the nativity scene figures that blew over in the high winds,
David

For discovering and taking immediate action to stop the overflowing
sewage sump in Thompson Hall,

Jim	and several Boy Scout Troop 78 dads
David	

For purchasing replacement sewage ejector pumps and other necessary parts,

Jim

For installing replacement sewage ejector pumps in Thompson Hall,

Jim	Perry
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For providing coffee and refreshments throughout the year for the Early Bird worship service,

Diane	Judy	Ted
Fred	Nina	Kay
Nancy		

To those who extended themselves in providing Angel Tree gifts. It means a lot to the recipients of those gifts.

To those who served at the Soup Kitchen in December when 172 guests were served:

Ron	Pip	Jessie
Jim	Dawn	Borcheuh
Nina	Chris	Ping

For a wonderful Christmas celebration. To Chris, Soyeon, the choir and the brass - thank you for blessing us with your gift of music! Thank you to Lucia and Linda and their families for the tremendous luncheon! Thank you to the children who made the pageant magical!

To all who participated in the Christmas Eve Service - it was truly memorable!

Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added.

Andrea	Nan & John
Andrew	Nancy
Ann	National & World
Bianca	Leaders
Bill	Our Pastoral Search
Brent	Committee
Brian & family	Our Stephen Ministry
Dominik	Our Troops
Eleanore	Rita
Frank	Roger
George	Scott
Jane	Shana
Jocelyn	Tracy
Karen	
Kay	
Kyle	
Lesli & her mom	
Mary	
McKenna	



Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Ann, Jim & family
 Florence
 Jeff's family
 Larry
 Tom

CCC Children Write a Psalm

On November 14, 2010, Barb led the CCC Children in writing their own Bible passage during the Children's Sermon. Thank you, Barb, for doing this. It is so rewarding helping our kids in this way. Would you like to lead a children's sermon? Please contact the church office.

Psalm 151 written by CCC children

Lord God, you have made such a beautiful world for us to live in. There are so many things for us to enjoy. There are trees and water, friendship and thanksgiving.

You gave us bodies that can do so much. You gave us eyes for seeing and ears for hearing. With our hands we can squeeze and shake hands. With our legs and feet we can walk, spring, sprint, and kick a ball. We can use our minds to think and read. And with our hearts we can love.

You have surrounded us with people who love us in return and who care for us. We have my grandma, my dad, and my mom. These are all such wonderful gifts. When we look at them, we can't help but say, "Yay! It's just what I wanted!" and, "Thank you!"

You are so loving Lord, God!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Bread & Broth	3 ■ 7p Troop 78	4 ■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 7:30p Troop 78	5 ■ 7p Choir Practice	6	7	8 ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break ■ 8a Men's Breakfast
9 ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Winter Warm-up ■ 11:30a Ministries Council	10 ■ 7p Troop 78	11 ■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 7:30p Troop 78	12 ■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir Practice	13	14 ■ SHS No School	15
16 ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Service or Sledding	17 ■ No School ■ Martin Luther King Day ■ 7p Troop 78	18 ■ 9a Prayer Group	19 ■ 7p Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Art Project ■ 3p Court of Honor	24 ■ 7p Troop 78	25 ■ 9a Prayer Group	26 ■ 7p Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 <u>Cookie Sunday</u> <u>Souper Bowl of Caring</u> ■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship	31 ■ 7p Troop 78					